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25X1 1. On 18 December HSAIO K'o (胡 东), formerly Chief of Staff of the 4 Field Army and of the Central South China Military Area Headquarters, arrived in Hankow from North China.<sup>1</sup>

2. HSAIO K'o was to proceed to Indochina as head of the Chinese Military Mission of the Central Military Affairs Commission.<sup>2</sup> When he assumes command, the present acting Chief, MO Wen-hua (莫 文 华), will be HSAIO's Deputy. HSAIO K'o broke his journey in Hankow in order to meet LI Tao (李 涛), a committee member of the National Defence and Research Commission of the Central Military Affairs Commission. LI Tao was recently appointed Deputy Chief of the Nanning Office of the Support Indochina People's Liberation Commission and Chief of Staff of the Support Indochina Chinese Volunteer Army. HSAIO and LI will probably travel together and arrive in Canton in early January 1952.

25X1 2. Washington Comment. [redacted] Vice-Chairman LIU Shao-ch'i of the Chinese Communist Government as the highest official in charge of military and political aid to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV). HSAIO K'o was [redacted] one of the officers of the Aid DRV Volunteers.

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